



The Transportation Policy Body for the North Central Texas Council of Governments
(Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Dallas-Fort Worth Region)

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

WILL MEET

Thursday, August 10, 2017, 1 pm

IN THE TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL ROOM (1ST FLOOR)

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

616 Six Flags Dr, Arlington, TX 76011

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AGENDA

Regional Transportation Council Thursday, August 10, 2017 North Central Texas Council of Governments

**1:00 pm Full RTC Business Agenda
(NCTCOG Guest Secured Wireless Connection Password: rangers!)**

- 1:00 – 1:05 1. Approval of July 13, 2017, Minutes**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 5
Presenter: Rob Franke, RTC Chair
Item Summary: Approval of the July 13, 2017, minutes contained in Reference Item 1 will be requested.
Background: N/A

- 1:05 – 1:05 2. Consent Agenda (There are no items on the Consent Agenda)**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 0

- 1:05 – 1:20 3. Orientation to Agenda/Director of Transportation Report**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 15
Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

1. Regional Transportation Council (RTC) Subcommittee Appointments, Chair Rob Franke
2. RTC Member Representation at Events
 - Rob Franke, Urban Land Institute Austin, July 26, 2017
 - William Meadows, Federal Railroad Administration, Washington, DC, July 25, 2017
3. Clean Air Action Day Results (Electronic Item 3.1)
4. Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Vehicles (Electronic Item 3.2)
5. Ozone Season Update (Electronic Item 3.3)
6. Southern Transportation and Air Quality Summit Reminder, August 29-31, 2017 (Electronic Item 3.4)
7. 511DFW Traveler Information System
8. Complete Streets Design and Implementation Workshop (Electronic Item 3.5)
9. August Public Meeting Notice (Electronic Item 3.6)
10. Environmental Protection Agency Withdrawal of One-Year Extension for 2015 Ozone Standard Designations (Electronic Item 3.7)
11. Public Comments Report (Electronic Item 3.8)
12. Recent Correspondence (Electronic Item 3.9)
13. Recent News Articles (Electronic Item 3.10)
14. Recent Press Releases (Electronic Item 3.11)
15. Transportation Partners Progress Reports

- 1:20 – 1:30 4. Air Quality Project Funding**
☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will request Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding for three different air quality projects.

Background: Staff will present a proposal to allocate funding from an existing Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) project for a zero-emission vehicle rebate for local governments. The rebate will be offered in conjunction with the Fleets for the Future project to streamline and leverage the two efforts.

A second initiative is an electrified parking space project, which reduces idling from heavy-duty diesel trucks and is funded by an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant at a federal share of only 25 percent. Due to low fuel prices, additional funding is needed to make the project viable. Staff will present a proposal to increase the match to 50 percent using existing RTC-approved funds.

Finally, staff submitted a grant proposal to the EPA for a vehicle replacement project in early July. If awarded, a majority of the funding will be pass-through for subgrants to local governments or their private-sector contractors. The subgrantees will provide the required match. A portion of the EPA funds will be used for staff administration. Approval of RTC Local funding as a "backstop" for staff administration will be requested to allow staff to begin implementation until the match is collected at the point of subgrantee reimbursement.

Additional details are available in Reference Item 4.

1:30 – 1:40 5. Traffic Signal Data Sharing Grant Program and 511DFW/Waze Grant Program Awards

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Tom Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of awards for the Traffic Signal Data Sharing and 511DFW/Waze grant programs.

Background: The RTC approved two \$250,000 grant programs to encourage regional partners to make their traffic signal data and highway and traffic condition data accessible to connected vehicle developers, travel navigation services, and public entities. The RTC also approved evaluation criteria for the programs, provided in Electronic Item 5.1. Reference Item 5.2 lists the applicants for the Traffic Signal Data Sharing grant program and the recommended awards. Reference Item 5.3 lists the applicants for the 511DFW/Waze grant program and the recommended awards.

1:40 – 1:50 6. Funding Changes to IH 635 East and Proposition 1 Projects

☒ Action ☐ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenters: Michael Morris and Christie Gotti, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will seek Regional Transportation Council (RTC) approval of funding adjustments for the IH 635 East project and for several projects originally funded with Proposition 1.

Background: In 2015, the RTC approved Proposition 1 funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015-2019. Since that time, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) combined Proposition 1 funding into several regular funding categories (Categories 1, 2, 4, and 11), and funding allocations to the region were reduced to match actual funding receipts. Therefore, the RTC adjusted funding for affected projects through the Regional 10-Year Plan approval in December 2016. As projects have been implemented or are finalized for letting, cost overruns and underruns have arisen creating the need to adjust funding between projects again. Reference Item 6.1 summarizes the proposed changes by project.

In addition, as the Texas Legislature did not authorize IH 635 East as a Comprehensive Development Agreement, TxDOT and the RTC must develop a new funding partnership to implement this project. An overall program to move forward will be presented. Action on this program will be sought at the meeting as a contingency. The first step in this process is to reallocate existing toll-eligible funding (i.e., Category 2 funds) from the Regional 10-Year Plan to the first phase of IH 635 East; the section from US 75 to Royal/Miller (Phase 1), which will be built with tolled managed lanes. Reference Item 6.2 summarizes the proposed changes by project and county needed to fully fund IH 635 East Phase 1. The intention is to fully fund and construct IH 635 from US 75 to IH 30 (including the interchange with IH 30). It is hoped that this initial funding plan will facilitate full funding for the corridor. Please note that total funding allocated to each project and county is maintained. The changes represent only shifts in the type of funding/category assigned to each project or county.

Additional information on both the adjustments to the Proposition 1 projects and the IH 635 East project can be found in Electronic Item 6.3.

1:50 – 2:00

7. Legislative Update

☐ Action ☒ Possible Action ☐ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on legislative actions related to transportation and air quality issues affecting the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Background: The first session of the 115th United States (US) Congress convened on January 3, 2017. The 85th Texas Legislature was in session from January 10, 2017, through May 29, 2017, and reconvened in a Special Session on July 18, 2017. Transportation and air quality issues are a focus for both the US Congress and Texas Legislature. Several topics will be highlighted.

2:00 – 2:10

8. **Top Five Regional Transportation Council Policy Initiatives for 2017**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Michael Morris, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a progress report on the 2017 priorities presented to the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) in January.

Background: RTC staff was invited to give a progress report at the January 5, 2017, joint meeting of the Dallas Regional Mobility Coalition and the Tarrant Regional Transportation Coalition. In addition, Michael Morris highlighted five initiatives for 2017 at the January 12, 2017, RTC meeting. It was anticipated that 2017 would be a transformative year for several initiatives:

- 1) New Federal Initiative on Transportation
- 2) Implementation of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)/RTC Project Selection from the December 2016 RTC Meeting
- 3) High-Speed Rail: Dallas to Houston/Fort Worth to Dallas
- 4) State Legislative Session
- 5) TEXRail, Cotton Belt, Coppell/DFW International Airport/RTC Funding Partnership and Integrated New Transit Technology Guideway

2:10 – 2:20

9. **Transportation Alternatives Program Funds Update**

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Ken Bunkley, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds apportioned in Fiscal Year (FY) 2014 that are at risk of lapsing if not utilized by September 30, 2017.

Background: Federal regulations state that TAP funds apportioned shall remain available for obligation for the year of apportionment plus three years. Any amounts that remain unobligated at the end of that period shall lapse. TAP funds apportioned in FY2014 are at risk of lapsing at the end of FY2017.

As of July 24, 2017, \$8.9 million of the FY2014 funding has obligated in FY2017. Therefore, the obligation requirement for FY2017 will be met and no funding should lapse. North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) staff is continuing to coordinate with local agencies to identify project status and the ability to obligate funds by September 30, 2017, for projects committed in FY2017. Any additional funds obligated this year will help to satisfy the FY2015 apportionment fund obligations.

A listing of all TAP projects and their status is provided as Electronic Item 9. During the July 28, 2017, Surface Transportation Technical Committee (STTC) meeting, NCTCOG staff requested STTC members coordinate internally within their cities/agencies to ensure that their project(s) are advancing as expeditiously as possible.

2:20 – 2:30 10. Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Call for Projects: Process and Scoring Criteria

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Natalie Bettger, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will present, for information, the recommended eligible and ineligible project categories, process, scoring criteria, and schedule for the Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program Call for Projects.

Background: Approximately \$2 million and \$2.9 million is anticipated to be available to fund Regional Traffic Signal Retiming Program and Minor Improvement Program projects in the 10-county North Central Texas Council of Governments air quality nonattainment area, respectively. Projects eligible under these programs are proposed to include on-system and off-system roadway facilities. The proposed eligibility, process, scoring criteria and schedule is included in Electronic Item 10.

The following items will be presented if time permits

2:30 – 2:40 11. Joint Land Use Study Project

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Amanda Wilson, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the Regional Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) being conducted for four military installations and surrounding communities in North Texas, as well as updates on transportation projects underway around Naval Air Station (NAS) Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (JRB).

Background: A JLUS identifies and recommends strategies to address land-use issues that may limit a military installation's ability to operate. During a JLUS, the cities and counties surrounding the military installation work with the installation to plan and carry out specific actions that will promote compatible community and economic growth. Draft recommendations have been developed for each installation as well as a regional list of priorities, which are included as Electronic Item 11. Following a series of previous studies around NAS Fort Worth JRB, a number of transportation needs have been identified and planning, design and construction has begun, which will be highlighted at the meeting.

2:40 – 2:50 12. Texas Transportation Innovation Activities

☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10

Presenter: Tom Bamonte, NCTCOG

Item Summary: Staff will provide a briefing on recent Texas transportation innovation activities

Background: Staff is working with cities, universities, the Texas Department of Transportation, and others throughout the state to advance transportation innovation. This briefing on recent activities will

cover the Advanced Transportation and Congestion Management Technologies Deployment grant program and the activities of the Texas Innovation Alliance.

- 2:50 – 3:00 13. Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities Annual Report Results**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Pamela Burns, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will highlight the results of the 2016 Dallas-Fort Worth Clean Cities (DFWCC) Annual Report and progress made toward meeting United States Department of Energy (US DOE) petroleum-reduction goals.
Background: The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) has been the host organization for DFWCC, a US DOE initiative to increase energy security and reduce petroleum consumption in the transportation sector since 1994. Clean Cities coalitions are required to complete an annual report to DOE every March. To help ensure a better response rate from local fleets, NCTCOG and DFWCC linked the annual report to the Clean Fleet Policy, approved by the Regional Transportation Council on December 11, 2014, and also created the Outstanding Fleet Recognition Program. Staff will highlight DFWCC's efforts to reduce petroleum consumption and improve air quality and how they impact North Texas. Detailed information on the DFWCC Annual Report is provided as Electronic Item 13.
- 3:00 – 3:10 14. Volkswagen Settlement Update**
☐ Action ☐ Possible Action ☒ Information Minutes: 10
Presenter: Lori Clark, NCTCOG
Item Summary: Staff will provide an update on the status of initiatives established as a result of the Volkswagen Clean Air Act civil settlements.
Background: To date, Volkswagen Clean Air Act civil settlements have resulted in \$4.7 billion to fund two initiatives which will provide for implementation of new emissions-reducing projects: the Zero-Emission Vehicle Investment and the Environmental Mitigation Trust. Staff will provide an update on the status of each initiative, including a briefing of a recent workshop in Austin. In follow up to the workshop, previously submitted Regional Transportation Council comments were forwarded to the Governor's office. This correspondence is available in Electronic Item 14.1. In order to gauge the level of interest, local governments will be asked to provide feedback on various mitigation actions under the Environmental Mitigation Trust. Details on eligible mitigation actions are included in Electronic Item 14.2.

15. **Progress Reports**

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Item Summary: Progress Reports are provided in the items below.

- RTC Attendance (Reference Item 15.1)
- STTC Attendance and Minutes (Electronic Item 15.2)
- Local Motion (Electronic Item 15.3)

16. **Other Business (Old or New)**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of interest before the group.

- Trinity Parkway – If time permits, staff will outline next steps in carrying out the policy direction by the Dallas City Council.

17. **Future Agenda Items**: This item provides an opportunity for members to bring items of future interest before the Council.

18. **Next Meeting**: The next meeting of the Regional Transportation Council is scheduled for ***1:00 pm, Thursday, September 14, 2017, at the North Central Texas Council of Governments.***